

Bogus Legislation.

The second edition of the *Herald of Freedom*, published by the Kansas Territory, is now on its way to the printer. It is impossible to mention in this article a title of their base provisions. It was said they would unshackle the press, and take the lock from the jaws of our people, and allow them to print, write and speak hereafter, but they have not done it; on the contrary it is said they have taken another step in wickedness, and have actually passed a law with the view of preventing the peaceful assembling of the people in public convention. Their entire code is an emanation better fitting a mad house than a body of sane men, and yet the President has moral tergiversation sufficient to induce him to attempt the enforcement of such laws on the people of Kansas. Another dynasty will soon be ushered in, and we hope a better era will dawn on Kansas.

Back Numbers.

Our large edition, which we commenced the 17th of January, with the "History of Kansas," is now entirely exhausted, and we have not a single preceding number of the *Herald of Freedom* in our office, save our regular files. Indeed, we mailed to several subscribers damaged numbers, so as to make the numbers complete to as many as possible.

As soon as we get our power press in motion, which will be in a few weeks, if the weather will admit, we shall revise and reprint all the first portion of the history up to that period, and furnish it to new subscribers, who will not otherwise obtain it, and thus make the work complete to them. All persons wanting the work complete should subscribe prior to the 1st of April, by which time we hope to get our power press in motion.

Editors Absent.

Mr. Brown left his post a week ago, on a tour of observation through the western portion of the Territory. His duties have been so confining, especially through four months last summer, as to prevent him from making personal observations in different localities so fully as was desirable. He has taken occasion to avail himself of the period intervening between the arrival of his paper, mentioned elsewhere, and its issue, to make the tour indicated. He expects to be at his post in time to report progress in his next issue.

Mr. WATKINS is on a visit to Delaware City and Quindaro, designing to write a sketch of the country, and glean some facts in the History of the Delaware and Wyandots for his return, for the "History of Kansas," which we are now publishing.

The Flood.

It is reported that the Osage river rose forty feet during the late flood. Several families along the banks of the Osage and branches were compelled to vacate their cabins during the flood. The Emigrant Aid Co.'s steamer sail, at Oswatimie, was completely covered with water, but no great injury, as far as we are advised, was done to it.

All passage between this place and Leavenworth was cut off for upwards of a week. Our team, which we had dispatched to Leavenworth for paper, was stopped at Stranger Creek, on its return, and was detained some seven or eight days, waiting for the high water to subside so the river could be forded. In consequence of this detention, no *Herald of Freedom* was issued last week for want of paper.

Postponement.

We are requested, by several citizens, to suggest the postponement of the Free State Convention, called at Topeka, to be held on the 10th of March, till such time as the final action of Congress on Kansas matters can be fully known. A couple, or even four, weeks later, would insure good roads, a better attendance, and more intelligent action. The object of calling the convention at so early a date, it is said, was to forestall public opinion. Public opinion is independent of political conventions, and will not be governed by them unless they act wisely.

Mr. Brown has set out on an exploring tour, designing to visit the Upper Neesho and Cottonwood rivers, and ascertain the leading characteristics of the country, with the view of furnishing correct information to the thousands who will be seeking homes in Kansas on the first opening of navigation. Those who have visited that region have invariably reported that it is the finest portion of Kansas Territory, and that superior inducements are open there for emigration. He has gone to see for himself, that he may advise intelligently.

Mr. Gray informs us that we were mistaken in our statement that the Delaware ordered those constructing a bridge across the Stranger to abandon the work. He left it, however, until the matter was amicably arranged, but it is again resumed, and the road will be completed in a short time.

Stringfellow and Redpath—Tit for Tat.

From the *Squatter Sovereign* of Jan. 6.—The last *Herald of Freedom* brings Redpath, ex-correspondent of the *St. Louis Democrat*, to its assistance. The only reply we have for such animals, is to quote the following fable:—
"A skunk once challenged a lion to a single combat. The lion declined accepting it."
"How!" said the skunk, "are you afraid?"
"Yes," replied the lion, "you would only gain fame by having the honor to fight a lion, while every one who meets me for a month would know I had been in company with a skunk."
—J. H. STRINGFELLOW.

Tr—I extract the preceding paragraph from a recent number of the *Squatter Sovereign*, just received at the office of the Emigrant Aid Company. I am at a loss which to admire most—Mr. Stringfellow's politeness, or his inimitable modesty. In comparing me to an animal—and a skunk at that—his courtesy and sarcastic talent are equally conspicuous. Less apparent, but no less noteworthy, is his modesty in likening himself to a lion. At first sight, this comparison appears rather vain; but, carefully read, its modesty is clearly demonstrated. Stringfellow, of course, does not compare himself to an African lion, for he is too good a Democrat to compare himself with any native of Africa; nor to a British lion, for Abolitionism, he says, is of English origin; nor to a Lamamoor lion, for his hatred to all woolies is unspokeable; but to a Southern States-Rights, Constitutional, Right Sovereignty, National Democratic lion.

What sort of a lion this latter is, may be gleaned by studying the following anecdote.

"A Virginian—an F. P. V., of course,—mounted his horse one morning for a hunt. His negro slave stood beside him.

"How do I look Quashes," asked the F. P. V.

"Oh, brave as a lion, massa."

"A lion, eh? Where in the lance did you ever see a lion?"

"In massa Wise's stable," said Quashes.

"Why, you fool," said F. P. V., "that's a jassack!"

"Well, then," said Quashes, "you look as brave as a jassack."

MORAL.

Mr. Stringfellow is a lion.

JAMES REDPATH.

Boston, Jan. 20, 1857.

*A Scotch ship.—Ed.

Attention is invited to the advertisement of W. P. Ham & Co., who have a very choice nursery of fruit trees six miles west of Lawrence.

List of Letters.

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